

## REMARKS

This paper accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Several claims are amended, and all amendments to the claims are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby request further consideration and examination.

Applicants submit that support for the amendments to independent claims 1 and 15 is found at least in Figures 5-7 and the supporting description.

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 10, 14-16, 19, 22, and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by EP 0 996 038 A1 to Canon. The following statement was made in the rejection: "It is noted that the recitation of a group of sheets does not exclude the entire print job from being printed where the group is the entire print job." Independent claims 1 and 15 are amended by this paper to state "a specific portion of a multiple sheet print job". Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment fully addresses the Examiner's concern. Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2, 6-7, 10, 14-16, 19, 22, and 26 are also allowable for at least these reasons.

With respect to independent claims 27 and 28, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable in their present form. According to the existing wording of claims 27 and 28, the "specific sheet or group of sheets of a multiple sheet print job" does not comprise the entire multiple sheet print job because there is "another specific sheet or group of sheets of the multiple sheet print job".

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Canon. In response, Applicants repeat the arguments presented with respect to parent claim 1, and respectfully submit that claim 3 is allowable for at least these reasons.

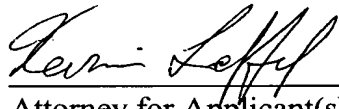
Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Canon in view of IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin NB 8106812. In response, Applicants repeat the arguments presented with

respect to parent claim 1, and respectfully submit that claim 8 is allowable for at least these reasons.

Claims 4-5, 9, 11-13, 17-18, 20-21, and 23-25 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for noting the allowable nature of these claims, and have made the specified amendments.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-28 are allowable in their present form and hereby request such allowance.

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